UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SIXTH CIRCUIT

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Re: Case No. 19-2185, *Melissa Buck, et al v. Robert Gordon, et al* Originating Case No.: 1:19-cv-00286

Dear Counsel:

This appeal has been docketed as case number 19-2185 with the caption that is enclosed on a separate page. The appellate case number and caption must appear on all filings submitted to the Court. If the filing fee was not paid when the notice of appeal was filed, it must be paid to the district court immediately.

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At this stage of the appeal, the following forms should be downloaded from the web site and filed with the Clerk's office by **October 29, 2019**. Additionally, the transcript order must be completed by that date.

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Appearance of Counsel

Appellant: Civil Appeal Statement of Parties & Issues

Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations

Application for Admission to 6th Circuit Bar (if applicable)

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Appellee: Disclosure of Corporate Affiliations

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Sincerely yours,

s/Robin L. Johnson Case Manager Direct Dial No. 513-564-7039

Enclosure

OFFICIAL COURT OF APPEALS CAPTION FOR 19-2185

MELISSA BUCK; CHAD BUCK; SHAMBER FLORE; ST. VINCENT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Plaintiffs - Appellees

v.

ROBERT GORDON, in his official capacity as Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; HERMAN MCCALL, in his official capacity as the Executive Director of the Michigan Children's Services Agency; DANA NESSEL, in her official capacity as Attorney General of Michigan

Defendants - Appellants

and

ALEX M. AZAR, II, in his official capacity as the Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services; UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Defendants